



CITY OF MORGAN HILL
POLICE DEPARTMENT

File Number: _____

Date received: _____

By: _____

CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT

Name (Mr./Mrs.) _____ Date of birth: _____
(Ms./Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Ext: _____

Best time to contact (Circle all that apply):
Day of week: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun Available between m.and m.

INCIDENT Date(s): _____ Approximate Time: _____

Location: _____

Involved Officer(s) _____
(Name(s) (Badge #(s) (Car Number(s)

Witnesses: _____

ADMONITION

Citizen's Obligation: A mandatory requirement in the making of a citizen's complaint against an officer or other department member is that it be made honestly and as accurately as possible. Simple errors, omissions, and misconceptions are understandable and not uncommon. However, a complaint which is false, and made with the knowledge it is false and with spite, hatred, or ill will, could expose the maker of such false complaint to possible civil action. This advisement is not given to dissuade the making of a bona fide complaint. These complaints should be made and investigated. It is directed only to those few individuals who believe that false complaints against officers can be made with impunity.

In addition, persons filing false complaints against peace officers are subject to possible criminal action. §148.6 a(b) of the California Penal requires that you read and acknowledge the following statement:

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER FOR ANY IMPROPER POLICE CONDUCT. CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THIS AGENCY TO HAVE A PROCEDURE TO INVESTIGATE CITIZEN'S COMPLAINTS. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROCEDURE. THIS AGENCY MAY FIND AFTER INVESTIGATION THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO WARRANT ACTION ON YOUR COMPLAINT: EVEN IF THAT IS THE CASE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE COMPLAINT AND HAVE IT INVESTIGATED IF YOU BELIEVE AN OFFICER BEHAVED IMPROPERLY. CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND ANY REPORTS OR FINDINGS RELATING TO COMPLAINTS MUST BE RETAINED BY THIS AGENCY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT THAT YOU KNOW TO BE FALSE. IF YOU MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN OFFICER KNOWING THAT IT IS FALSE, YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED ON A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE.

I have read and understood the above statement.

Complainant _____

Date _____

Signature of parent/guardian
(If you are under 18 years of age)

Citizen's Complaint Form
Statement of Complaint

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Complainant/Witness Signature _____ **Page** _____ **of** _____